



**EMERALD
ACADEMY**

ENROLL NOW TO ATTEND

**Emerald Academy is Committed to Excellence in the Heart of Knoxville
(DETAILS INSIDE!)**



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WHY DO FAMILIES CHOOSE EMERALD ACADEMY?



EMERALD ACADEMY IS A **FREE**, INDEPENDENTLY OPERATED, K-8 COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL. IT OPENED IN 2015 AND IS THE ONLY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL IN KNOX COUNTY.

“Emerald Academy has a clear mission to prepare urban scholars for the college of their choice and community leadership. Like any parent, this is exactly what I want for both of my children. And Emerald Academy is delivering on that commitment: Last year’s statewide testing results confirmed that every teacher at Emerald Academy helped their students grow academically by a year or even more. In fact, students earned the highest possible level in growth in reading and in math in every grade level.”

~Crystal Smith, Emerald Academy Parent



More scholars are entering high school prepared for **advanced math classes** than their peers in the district, based on their proficiency in eighth grade math.



CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

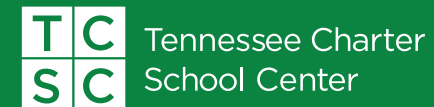


In 2020-2021, Emerald Academy earned the highest possible level of growth in literacy, in numeracy and in the composite score of all tested areas. This resulted in scoring a Level 5 – the highest Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System score – across every single category.

These results contributed to Emerald Academy earning Charter School of the Year by the Tennessee Charter School Center.

“We are incredibly impressed by the strong academic growth and excellent student success taking place at Emerald Academy,” said Tennessee Charter School Center CEO Maya Bugg. “As Knoxville’s first charter school, Emerald Academy is **breaking new ground** and **raising the bar** on public education in East Tennessee.”

Additionally, Emerald Academy tied with 13 other elementary schools in Knox County for the top growth scores, out of 51 public elementary schools across the district. Only one other middle school in Knox County achieved the highest growth in each area – Farragut Middle School.



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In 2020-2021, scholars did not experience the extensive learning losses demonstrated by their peers across the district and state, and instead realized learning **gains** across several grades in reading and math.



OUR MISSION

To prepare urban scholars for the college of their choice and community leadership

OUR GOALS

Long-Term Goal

- By 2025, Emerald Academy will be a reward school, as measured by Tennessee's revised accountability system.

Near-Term Goal

- **Growth:** 70% of scholars will meet their growth goals on the NWEA MAP assessment.
- **Achievement:** A majority of scholars will perform on grade level.

OUR VALUES

High Expectations

- We believe everyone can achieve.

Excellence

- We keep learning so we can be the best.

Respect

- We treat others the way we want them to treat us.

Teamwork

- We work together.

Commitment

- We press on, even when it gets hard.



INDIVIDUAL CARE MARKS FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE AT EMERALD ACADEMY

Elvyn and Pamela Davidson chose Emerald Academy for their sons, Benjamin and Miles, because they had a good feeling about the school.

Elvyn Davidson said the boys are thriving in the individual attention and high-quality academic instruction they receive. "Our experience has been amazing. The care, concern and communication have been superior," said Mr. Davidson.

Their story at Emerald Academy began with Benjamin, in sixth grade at the time. "We moved him to Emerald Academy about two months into the school year. He was attending school somewhere else, and he wasn't happy."

From the start, the change was amazing, said Mr. Davidson. "Benjamin likes science and engineering. The teachers at Emerald Academy facilitated that love, and the attention and communication gave him no option but to excel."

And younger brother Miles, is soaking up knowledge every day. Woven into his curriculum are the things he loves best, like dinosaurs, Bigfoot trucks, and "Blaze and the Monster Machine" books.

"I love that the expectation at Emerald Academy is set from the beginning that you are going to college and that the classrooms are named for colleges. It makes kids know early that college is a viable option," said Mr. Davidson.



**CHOOSE EMERALD...
AND YOU'LL FALL
HEAD OVER HEELS!**

Only Charter School in Knoxville - and it's FREE!

We are the first and only charter school in Knoxville, working every day to close the achievement gap for scholars and give families a choice in their child's education.

Technology is a Part of Instruction

Each scholar receives a technology device in the form of a Google Chromebook to allow for a personalized and responsive learning experience. These devices also make it possible to quickly pivot to distance learning.

College Bound

Emerald Academy is a college-preparatory school, focused on preparing scholars for high school and then the college of their choice. Each classroom is even named after a Historically Black College or University, SEC university or Ivy League school.

Building Continuity

After completing the Lower School grades, Upper School scholars move upstairs. Many parents find that this allows for continuity for families with multiple siblings as well as a smoother transition from elementary to middle school.

More Time Spent Learning

Scholars have a longer school day and a longer school year than traditional public schools.

Additional Features

- High expectations are placed on academic achievement and conduct which create and reinforce a culture of accomplishment and support.
- Physical education, music, and art are a part of each scholar's experience.
- Free bus transportation is provided from various bus stops in central locations that have been strategically selected to make it easy for families to attend.

ACHIEVEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE COURT & MORE!

Through partnerships with Emerald Youth Foundation, Knoxville Youth Athletics and Knoxville Independent School League, scholars have the opportunity to participate recreationally and competitively in a variety of team sports including:

Baseball • Basketball • Cross Country • Cheerleading
Soccer • Track & Field • Volleyball



ENROLL NOW!

1. Go to **EMERALDACADEMY.ORG**
2. Click “Enroll”
3. Take three minutes to answer a few simple questions

Applications are required for all potential students not currently enrolled at Emerald Academy.

You may also complete an application by visiting Emerald Academy from 8 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Questions? Call (865) 249-7223.

“Emerald Academy was created to walk alongside city parents to support their child’s education. I hope you will join the journey as we make this a reality.”

-STEVE DIGGS, PRESIDENT, EMERALD CHARTER SCHOOLS



COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNMENT!
CONTACT US TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY.

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